





# HealthierUS School Challenge

Smarter Lunchrooms

Learning Code: 4120 Program Promotion

School and Community Nutrition

# What is HUSSC:SL?

A way to recognize excellence in nutrition and physical activity in schools.

- ▶ HUSSC:SL is a voluntary certification initiative recognizing those schools enrolled in Team Nutrition that have created healthier school environments through promotion of smarter lunchrooms, nutrition, and physical activity.
- ▶ Schools receiving a HUSSC award commit to meeting the criteria throughout their 4 year certification period.



# Team Nutrition and HUSSC

Schools participating in the NSLP are invited to sign up as Team Nutrition Schools, and join an important network of schools working towards healthier school nutrition and physical activity environments. Today, almost half of the schools participating in the NSLP have signed up to be Team Nutrition Schools!



# What is Team Nutrition?

Team Nutrition is an initiative of the USDA Food and Nutrition (FNS) to support the Child Nutrition Programs through training and technical assistance for food service, nutrition education for children and their caregivers, and school and community support for healthy eating and physical activity.



# How to sign up for Team Nutrition?

Signing up to be a Team Nutrition School is free and easy. For more information on how to be a Team Nutrition School; visit the Team Nutrition website at this link:

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/join-team-become-team-nutrition-school>



Schools that are part of the Team Nutrition network are eligible to apply for HUSSC awards.



# HUSSC Recognition

Recognized schools receive a plaque with a certificate signed by the Secretary of Agriculture, a display banner, recognition on the Team Nutrition Website, and a monetary incentive.



# Monetary Incentives

- ▶ HUSSC award schools do receive monetary incentives for each award level.
- ▶ Award Levels and Monetary Incentive\*
  - Bronze: \$500
  - Silver: \$1000
  - Gold: \$1500
  - Gold Award with Distinction: \$2000

\*All monetary incentive awards must be deposited into the nonprofit food service account and used for allowable expenses under that account.



# How to apply?

- ▶ HUSSC is open to ALL schools participating in the NLSP and SBP
- ▶ Schools can submit an application at any time during the year for a Bronze, Silver, Gold or Gold with Distinction level award.
- ▶ May submit application and documentation online or via US Mail to SCN in a 3-ring binder.
- ▶ Recipients of the Alliance for a Healthier Generations Healthy Schools Program Award may be eligible for a streamlined process.



# Multiple Schools in a District?

- ▶ Multiple schools can apply under the same district application when:
  - The same nutrition education, physical education and physical activities are provided or offered (according to grade level);
  - The same Smart Snack foods and beverages were sold throughout the cafeteria and/or school campus;
  - Each individual school follows the district's wellness policy.



# 2014 HUSSC Criteria

HUSSC was updated in 2014 and no longer requires any specific meal criteria, however schools must meet current meal pattern requirements and the SFA must be 6 cent certified.

All award levels must meet Smart Snacks in School Nutrition Standards as defined in 7 CFR Parts 201 and 220. In addition, each award level has additional Smart Snack Criteria that focus on training, advertising/marketing, and fundraising.



# Updated Other Criteria for Excellence

The 2014 HUSSC criteria also reflects and promotes new initiatives and regulations. Options now include CEP, healthy cooking technique classes for students/families, Professional Standards, and the U.S. Food Waste Challenge.



# New Smarter Lunchrooms Criteria

Under the 2014 criteria, all schools must complete the Smarter Lunchrooms Self-Assessment Scorecard. The number of techniques from the scorecard that must be implemented is dependent upon the award level.

- ▶ Bronze applicants must select at least 30 action items.
- ▶ Silver/Gold applicants must select 50 action items.
- ▶ Gold Award of Distinction applicants must select 70 action items.





# HealthierUS School Challenge: Smarter Lunchrooms

*Recognizing Excellence in Smarter Lunchrooms, Nutrition and Physical Activity*  
Effective August 31, 2014



General Criteria	
Team Nutrition School	<p><i>All Award Levels</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School is enrolled as a Team Nutrition School.</li> </ul>
School Meals Programs	<p><i>All Award Levels</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School participates in the School Breakfast Program (SBP) and National School Lunch Program (NSLP).</li> <li>Reimbursable meals meet USDA nutrition standards.</li> <li>All corrective actions from school's most recent State review of school meals program must be completed.</li> <li>School is implementing Smarter Lunchroom techniques in six areas (Fruits, Vegetables, Entrées, Milk, Sales of Reimbursable Meals, and School Synergies) as defined on the Smarter Lunchrooms Self-Assessment Scorecard (<a href="http://smarterlunchrooms.org/sites/default/files/lunchroom_self-assessmt_score_card.final_4-3-14.pdf">http://smarterlunchrooms.org/sites/default/files/lunchroom_self-assessmt_score_card.final_4-3-14.pdf</a>). The number of techniques from the scorecard that the school must implement is dependent upon the award level. Documentation that the school is meeting this criteria shall include a copy of the completed score card and a brief summary with 2-3 photos describing the school's overall Smarter Lunchroom effort.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bronze applicants must select at least 30 action items.</li> <li>Silver/Gold applicants must select 50 action items.</li> <li>Gold Award of Distinction applicants must select 70 action items.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6 Cent Certification	<p><i>All Award Levels</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Food Authority must be certified for 6 Cents.</li> </ul>

# Where do find the application?

The application can be found online at:

<https://healthymeals.fns.usda.gov/hsmrs/HUSSC/>



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**Application Cover Sheet**

Application for: ☐ Bronze ☐ Silver ☐ Gold ☐ Gold Award of Distinction

\* The school name on the Award Certificate will be typed exactly as written in the School Name section below. Please ensure that the entire name with any appropriate punctuation is clearly indicated. Award Certificates will not be re-printed due to an incorrect or illegible school name.

**PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION**

? School Name

School District

School Address

Grades in School (list)

more info. Contact Person's Name and Title

Contact Person's Phone Number & Email

Date Submitted to State Agency

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

State Agency

State Child Nutrition Director Approval:  Signature  Date

Reviewed by:  Phone:

Reviewer's Email:

Email of the State Child Nutrition Director:

**Regional Office**

FNS Region:  Reviewed by:

Child Nutrition Director Approval:  Signature  Date

**FNS Headquarters**

Application received HQ:  Reviewed by:

Decision/Date:  Award period:

School

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Information needed will be:

- General School Information
- Designated School Contact
- General Criteria Worksheet
- Smart Snacks Worksheet
- Nutrition Education Worksheet
- Physical Education Worksheet (Elem. and Middle/High)
- Physical Activity Worksheet
- School Wellness Policy Worksheet
- Other Criteria for Excellence Checklist
- Review Committee Verification Form
- Application Check-Off Sheet

# Who in KY is already participating?

Let's get started and show the nation how our Kentucky schools are committed to making a difference!

- ▶ Bullitt Co.: Bronze
- ▶ Whitley Co.: Silver
- ▶ Fleming Co.: Bronze
- ▶ Jefferson Co.: Bronze



# Questions?

Questions regarding HUSSC can be directed to Heather Goins ([Heather.Goins@education.ky.gov](mailto:Heather.Goins@education.ky.gov)) or your approving consultant.

